

## Message Text

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ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07 INR-07 LAB-04  
NSAE-00 SIL-01 PM-04 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15 /058 W  
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R 071152Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY LISBON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2073  
INFO AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA  
COMUSFORAZ LAJES FLD

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 5210

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, ELAB, MARR, PO  
SUBJ: LABOR RELATIONS AT LAJES

REF: (A) STATE 156441, (B) COMUSFORAZ TERCEIRA AZ (DTG 202105Z  
JUN 77), (C) AFOSI DIST 68 TORREJON AB SP (DTG 230830Z  
JUN 77), (D) COMUSFORAZ LAJES FLD AZ (DTG 292345Z JUN 77),  
(E) COMUSFORAZ LAJES FLD AZ (DTG 012000Z JUL 77),  
(F) COMUSFORAZ LAJES FLD AZ (DTG 062045Z JUL 77)

1. EMBASSY REPEATING REFERENCES (B) THROUGH (F)  
TO SECSTATE AS THESE PROVIDE INFORMATION ON STATUS OF  
LABOR SITUATION REQUESTED BY REFTTEL (A).

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF WAGE INCREASE  
EFFECTIVE JULY 16, RANGING FROM 15 PERCENT FOR LOWEST  
PAID EMPLOYEES TO 6 PERCENT FOR HIGHEST PAID, MAY HELP  
TO CALM SITUATION (REF F). AMOUNTS OF INCREASE BASED ON LOCAL  
WAGE SURVEY CONDUCTED BY COMUSFORAZ.

3. EMBASSY IS PLEASED WITH DEGREE OF COORDINATION THAT  
COMUSFORAZ HAS ESTABLISHED WITH GOP MILITARY AND CIVIL  
AUTHORITIES IN AZORES. GOP AND PORTUGUESE AIR  
FORCE GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS HERE HAVE SHOWN NO  
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INTEREST IN ESCALATING MATTER. THERE ARE ELEMENTS IN  
BOTH PRESS AND LABOR SECTORS INTERESTED IN EXAGGERATING  
WORKER DISCONTENT BUT ISSUE HAS NOT SPARKED MUCH  
INTEREST IN CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL.

4. AS AGREED AT JUNE 17 MEETING BETWEEN GOP AND USG  
REPS, LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS AT LAJES DO NOT BELONG

IN BASE RENEWAL NEGOTIATIONS, BUT ARE A TECHNICAL  
MATTER TO BE HANDLED VIA ESTABLISHED MILITARY-TO-  
MILITARY CHANNELS (LISBON 4717). EMBASSY SUPPORTS  
CONTINUATION OF PRESENT POLICY OF RESOLVING ISSUES AT  
LOCAL LEVEL, WHILE KEEPING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES  
INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ANY PLANS WHICH MIGHT  
IMPACT ON LABOR RELATIONS.

5. COMUSFORAZ IS REQUESTED TO INCLUDE SECSTATE AS  
INFO ADDRESSEE ON FUTURE MESSAGES THIS SUBJECT.  
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